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## REVENUE AUDITOR ARRESTED IN ALLEGED CROOKED DEALS TO CUT TAX ASSESSMENTS

**Frederick Sutherland,  
Connecticut Appointee,  
In Custody As  
Are Two Former Employees.**

**Other Arrests Pending—  
Commissioner's State-  
ment Says Govt. Has  
Lost No Money.**

Washington, March 26.—Frederick Sutherland, an auditor in the bureau of internal revenue, has been arrested here in connection with alleged attempts to reduce taxes by misrepresentation.

Sutherland, who was appointed from Connecticut, was arrested several days ago but the action was kept secret while the bureau continued its investigation.

James J. Clifford and John F. McCarron, former bureau employees, were arrested in connection with the case yesterday at Milford, Conn.

Although the investigation is continuing, bureau officials said the end apparently was near.

While treasury officials are discussing a course of procedure, Sutherland is free on a personal bond of \$3,000.

**Expect More Arrests.**  
Clifford and McCarron were taken in custody and held as fugitives. Complaints said they proposed to obtain large tax reductions for clients.

The treasury declined to make any statement as to the sums involved or to name other persons than Sutherland although they declared two additional arrests were expected here.

**No Loss to Govt.**  
Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair later issued a formal statement declaring that at no time had there been any possibility of loss to the government in connection with the case.

"The defendants are charged," the statement added, "with an attempt to defraud the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad company of a large sum of money by means of representing to the company that the government was about to assess taxes of over a million dollars against subsidiary railroads and that the defendants could have this tax reduced. McCarron and Clifford, it is charged, appeared in New Haven and solicited the handling of the business."

**Draft Assessment Letter**  
"It is charged that Sutherland subsequently drew up for McCarron and Clifford a so-called assessment letter, showing alleged taxes due of over one million dollars; that the assessment letter was given to McCarron and Clifford and shown by them to a representative of the railroad in substantiation of their statement that tax was to be assessed and they had influence with persons in the department and would be able to have the tax reduced."

"The railroad company has cooperated fully with the bureau in its investigation. The intelligence unit of the bureau began work immediately upon its investigation and at no time has there been any possibility of loss to the government."

**AUTO DRIVER CARELESS;  
REMONSTRANT IS SHOT**

**Detroit Man Almost Run Down,  
Expatriates and Gets Bullet  
in His Heart.**

Detroit, March 26.—A man was shot to death shortly after midnight this morning at Cadillac Square, within a stone's throw of the city hall, by one of three men who escaped in an automobile. The dead man is Earl Maher, 26 years old.

Maher and two companions, Llewellyn Brill of Windsor, Ont., and Leo Strinsky, Detroit, were crossing the square when they narrowly escaped being run down by an automobile containing three men. The car stopped across the street and Maher, Brill and Strinsky went over to it and remonstrated with the driver for his carelessness. In reply one of the men in the machine fired one shot, the bullet entering Maher's chest inflicting a wound from which he died before he could be taken to a hospital. The gunman then escaped in view of scores of persons.

**Seven Mothers Die for  
Every 1,000 Babies Born**

New York, March 26.—Seven mothers give up their lives for every one thousand babies born in 86 cities in the United States, Dr. George T. Palmer, director of research of the American Child Health Association, told the national conference on child health in session here.

Dr. Palmer said his survey of the 86 selected cities showed that in some of them ten per cent of the babies born died because of a lack of pre-natal clinics.

**Mussolini Appears  
And Is Given Big  
Ovation in Chamber**



PREMIER MUSSOLINI

Rome, March 26.—Premier Mussolini made his first appearance in the chamber of deputies today since his recent illness. He entered the chamber at 4:15 o'clock followed by all the cabinet members.

At the moment of his appearance the entire body, except the communists, rose and gave him an enthusiastic demonstration in which the galleries joined.

Mussolini stood by the center of the ministerial bench bowing to his followers. When silence was restored the communists set up a cry "Viva Communism." The remainder of the chamber arose, shouted in reply "Viva Mussolini, viva Fascism," and sang the Fascist hymn.

**WINDSOR TOWN CLERK  
IS BURNED TO DEATH**

**A. C. Roberts, 60, Was  
Attempting to Stop  
Spread of Grass Fire**

Windsor, Conn., March 26.—Town Treasurer Arthur C. Roberts, aged 60, was burned to death today when his clothes caught fire from a grass fire which he had started on his own land and which spread to the farm of Lewis P. Clapp, destroying a tobacco shed.

Roberts was attempting to prevent the spread of the flames which got beyond his control.

The tobacco shed on the Clapp farm, containing a number of farming implements. It was located on Palisades avenue. The fire department extinguished the blaze.

Roberts had been treasurer of the town for a number of years.

**CAN'T ARREST ONE TWIN  
WITHOUT TAKING OTHER**

**And Traffic Policemen in Manila Are  
in Quandary Over Punishment  
for Speeder.**

Manila, March 26.—Traffic policemen are in a quandary as to how to deal with Simplicio and Lucio Godino, the Samar twins, who were joined together at birth. The twins have learned to drive an automobile and have developed a great liking for speeding within the city. Traffic officers hesitate to arrest the twins for exceeding the speed limit because the real offender cannot be arrested without taking the other twin into custody also.

The twins, now about 25 years old, are wards of Teodoro Yanco, Filipino capitalist, and former resident commissioner at Washington. They have been examined by surgeons in various parts of the world, but they refuse to submit to an operation that would separate them.

**Another New York Club  
Now Is Under Padlock**

New York, March 26.—The Club Borge, a supper club in West 54th street, followed the way of Monquini's Piping Rock Restaurant and the Bonux Arts Club today when the owners agreed to padlock the place during May. The padlock agreement was obtained in federal court by United States District Attorney Buckner, who recently instituted a padlock campaign against supper clubs, cabarets and other places violating the prohibition law.

**CANOEIST AT MAISELLES**  
Marseille, March 26.—George H. C. Smythe, Canadian, who is on a canoe voyage from London to Rome, arrived here today. He left Paris Feb. 28 and canoeed here by way of the Seine, the River Yonne, the Burgundy Canal, and the rivers Saone and Rhone.

## May Try To Show Ellingson Girl Was Not Murderer Of Her Mother

**Defense Counsel Hints Possibility That She Has Confessed to Slaying to Shield Somebody Else**

San Francisco, March 26.—A possibility that the defense may attempt to contest the charge of the state that Dorothy Ellingson actually shot and killed her mother appeared in a new phase of interrogation opened by the defense in examining a juror at today's session of the murder trial.

Walter McGovern of defense counsel asked Mrs. Julia Ott, a prospective juror, whether she would be prejudiced against a verdict in favor of the girl should the evidence disclose that Dorothy did not actually shoot her mother, but had admitted the act to shield someone else.

The fourth collapse of the girl in court yesterday during the third day of the trial, led her attorneys to announce last night that they must petition the court today to have the girl examined by a physician every day before she is brought into court.

The girl's father was quoted as expressing the belief that his daughter will not be able to stand an interrupted progress of the court proceedings and that a postponement might be necessary. The girl, from all apparent evidence, is breaking under the searching examinations to which all prospective jurors are being subjected and obviously is losing her early indifference and characteristic control.

**SHEPHERD MUST STAY  
IN CELL, SAYS JUDGE**

**Bail Refused Chicago Heir  
to McClintock  
Millions**

Chicago, March 26.—William D. Shepherd, accused of killing William N. McClintock by giving him typhoid germs to gain his million dollar estate, must remain in jail without bail pending trial, Chief Justice Jacob Hopkins of the criminal court has ruled.

The fight for Shepherd's release will be carried to the supreme court by a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, William Scott Stewart, his attorney, said.

Assurance of a speedy trial if Shepherd wishes it, was held out for him in Judge Hopkins' decision, made after three days of testimony and argument.

The whole question in the ball hearing, the decision said, rested on the testimony of Charles C. Falman, head of a science school and jointly indicted with Shepherd, to whom he said he gave typhoid fever germs knowing they would be used on McClintock, Shepherd's father.

"If Falman is telling the truth there was a conspiracy to murder," he said, "and this defendant has been the subject of a monstrous injustice. He has been ensnared in a net of circumstances unprecedented and painful to contemplate. But it is not for the court to decide in a hearing of this nature."

Shepherd may not be transferred to "Murderers' Row" in the county jail, jail officials said, but may continue to occupy cell 13 where he has been kept, due to the possibility of an early release. Most of the prisoners on the "row" are young men and authorities said they feared Shepherd might be subjected to insults and even physical abuse.

Coroner Oscar Wolff announced today he would issue an order for the exhumation of the bodies of Mrs. Emma Nelson McClintock, mother of the dead orphan millionaire, William N. McClintock, and Dr. Oscar Olson.

The coroner's decision came soon after counsel for Dr. Shepherd, had announced he would fight on in an attempt to free Shepherd on bail, which was denied late yesterday.

Mrs. McClintock died sixteen years ago and Dr. Olson three years ago.

**THREE NEW STAMPS FOR  
LEXINGTON ANNIVERSARY**

**Special Series on Sale April 4—Also  
New Half Cent Nathan  
Hale Stamp.**

Washington, March 26.—The special series of three postage stamps to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the battle of Lexington and Concord will be placed on sale April 4. On the same day the new half-cent Nathan Hale stamp will be offered to the public.

The Lexington-Concord stamps will be sold first at Boston, Concord, Concord Junction, Lexington and Cambridge, Mass., and at Washington; the Nathan Hale stamps at New Haven and Washington.

The Lexington-Concord issue are the size of the special delivery stamp and their subjects are:

1-cent, green, "Washington at Cambridge," representing General Washington taking command of the American army.

2-cent, red, "Birth of Liberty," representing the battle of Lexington and Concord.

3-cent, blue, "The Minute Man," representing the statue of the Concord minute man at Concord, Mass., between two columns, the right and left of which are two tablets bearing the inscription: "By the rude bridge that arched the flood they fled to April's breeze unfurled. Here once the embattled farmers stood and fired the shot heard round the world."

The stamps will go on sale later at all post offices.

**No. Dakota Prairie Fire  
Sweeping All Before It**

Mandan, N. D., March 26.—An extensive prairie fire, which is reported to have swept a territory in Sioux County, forty miles wide and 70 to 100 miles long, destroying a number of homestead shacks and some livestock, was reported in telephone advices today from Fort Yates.

**THE WEATHER**  
For New Britain and vicinity: Generally fair tonight; Friday unsettled, probably showers; warmer tonight; colder Friday.

## 14 CONFERENCES FOR UNIFICATION

**Poll of Entire Methodist Church  
Is Far From Completed**

**APPEAL BALTIMORE, VOTE**

**Adverse Action There Will Be Carried To Methodist College Of Bishops, It Is Believed, In Hopes Of Change In Decision.**

Chicago, March 26.—Fourteen conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church have voted in favor of unification with the Methodist Episcopal Church south, Dr. R. J. Wade, secretary of the general conference of the northern church, announced today.

The question of unification now is before the annual conferences of the church and will not be completed for some time.

Ministerial votes cast by the fourteen conferences showed 111 in favor of unification and 36 against. At the lay electoral conferences, the vote was 599 for and 6 against unification.

The Baltimore conference which yesterday voted against unification, 141 to 137, was the first of the southern conferences to pass on the question.

Dr. Wade announced the votes in some conferences as follows:

Kansas—For unification 177; against none; lay electoral conference 56 for, none against.

Southwest Kansas—For unification 180; against 4; lay electors 111 for, none against.

Central Pennsylvania—For unification 265; against none; lay electors 88 for, 2 against.

Mississippi—For unification 82; against none; lay electors 47 for, 1 against.

Louisiana—For unification 120; against 29; lay electors 9 for, 3 against.

"Voting on the admission of laymen to the annual conferences also is proceeding," said Dr. Wade. "The ministerial vote for admission of laymen to annual conferences is 434 for and 452 against; the lay electoral vote is 505 for and 56 against."

At present laymen have no vote in the annual conferences and by action of the general conference the annual conferences are voting on question of admission of laymen.

**Appeal Is Likely**

Washington, March 26.—An appeal probably will be filed with the College of Methodist Bishops in connection with the adverse vote by the Baltimore annual conference on the proposed consolidation of the northern and southern branches of the church.

Review will be sought, unification leaders declared today of the ruling of Bishop Chandler that one fifth of the delegates could order an aye and nay vote. The question will be presented to the college at the May meeting to be held in Nashville, Tenn.

The decision is not expected to affect yesterday's ballot, leaders said, but might have a far reaching influence upon the 40 southern conferences yet to vote.

Bishop H. H. Sherman of Nashville, of the joint commission on unification, in an address to the conference today referred to the Chandler ruling as "surprising."

**SEIZE MUCH LOOT**

**Woolens, Silks, Dyes and Alcohol  
Worth Upwards of Million Found  
by New York Police.**

New York, March 26.—Police seized woolens, silks, leather goods, dyes and automobile trucks loaded with grain alcohol, valued, they estimated, at between \$300,000 and \$1,000,000 in a raid today on a warehouse in South street. The police think this is loot from numerous robberies.

Two men, who described themselves as warehousemen, were held for questioning. The police said they expected to make more than half a dozen arrests during the day.

A patrolman became suspicious of the actions of drivers, who were backing trucks to the warehouse early today. Police reserves were called and the place surrounded.

Most of the goods are believed to have been taken from the Lehigh Valley piers.

**Wabash Railroad Will  
Again Pay Dividends**

New York, March 26.—Directors of the Wabash Railway company today authorized a resumption of dividend payments on the road's preferred shares at the annual rate of 45, through declaration of a quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share.

No dividends had been paid on this issue since April 30, 1918 when a distribution of \$1 a share was made.

**FONDNESS FOR GOATS  
CAUSE FOR DIVORCE?**

Spokane, Wash., March 26.—Fondness for goats led C. C. Higgins of Spokane to file a quarterly divorce suit directly into his cup of coffee, Eugene V. Higgins testified in the trial of her divorce in superior court here.

Mrs. Higgins also testified that her husband insisted upon keeping one of their two goats in the house. The case was continued.

## CHAPMAN JURY STILL INCOMPLETE; DEFENSE BUILDS UP APPEAL BASIS; ALCORN CALLS AT WATER TO OFFICE

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**Sitting in Judgment  
On Gerald Chapman**

**JURYMEN PREPARE  
TO STAY AT TRIAL**

**Arrive Bag and Baggage  
at County Court  
Building**

Hartford, March 26.—Judge Newell Jennings sitting at the trial of Gerald Chapman, super-bandit, accused of the murder of Policeman James J. Skelly of New Britain on the morning of October 12, 1924, is making history in Hartford county court records by his ruling that the jury in this case would be locked up in the county building in Hartford for the duration of the trial.

Judge Jennings arrived at his decision at the close of the afternoon session yesterday when all but one of the 12 jurors had been chosen.

When the court session was over, Judge Jennings told the jury that although the sequestration of the jury in this trial would be a departure from the usual proceedings in this county, it was the regular thing in other states and he wished to invoke his rights in the Chapman case and would require that the jury be kept together under guard of the sheriff until the end of the trial.

He asked the 11 men who have been picked to make preparations at their homes and places of business last night, to spend the time of the trial in the county building.

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An unlooked for delay occurred this morning when the second panel of prospective jurors was exhausted. It had been expected that the 12th man would be chosen from remaining veniremen but this hope dimmed with the passing around of the hands of the clock as man after man was excused by Judge Newell Jennings or stepped down after being challenged by State Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn or Frederick J. Groehl, chief of the defense counsel.

Ready To Take Men On Street

At 11:30 o'clock, Judge Jennings declared a recess. The last available man in the panel had passed out on his way back home or to business, as the case might have been, and the sheriff was directed to get 20 Hartford men and have them present when the hearing was resumed at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

From these 20 it was hoped to complete the jury.

Judge Jennings remarked that it no success met the efforts of the court officials, it would be necessary to go out on the streets and bring in anyone they could find.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the panel was exhausted. Deputy sheriffs are now scouring the streets of Hartford for new talesmen. If the jury is not secured from these, court will probably adjourn until tomorrow.

Including the first regular panel of 150 veniremen, 270 talesmen had been called to supply twelve judges of the spectacular Chapman's guilt or innocence. From this number, but 11 men were selected. The third special panel summoned today brought the total number of veniremen to 290.

**Preparing Basis For Appeal**

The first possible information concerning the possibility of an appeal was given to the Herald this afternoon by Attorney Murphy of counsel for the defense. Mr. Murphy said that people are overlooking the many exceptions being made by the defense lawyers. "We are not making those exceptions for the fun of it," he declared. "They will be used as a basis for an appeal to the supreme court of errors in case the verdict unfavorable to our client."

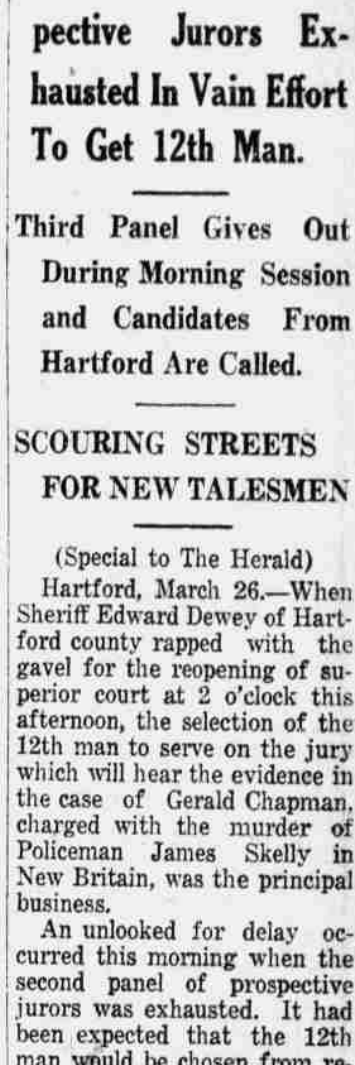
Exceptions have been taken to the denial of the petition for a change of venue, to the request that the original panel be changed to include residents of larger communities and to rulings of the judge on the questioning of prospective jurors.

**Alcorn Calls In Atwater**

A significant incident occurred this morning shortly before court opened. The New Britain witnesses were seated in their accustomed places when County Detective Edward J. Hickey summoned Policeman Alfred Atwater of New Britain to the office of State Attorney Alcorn. What transpired there is not known. Atwater was with Policeman Skelly when the latter was shot down in the department store of Davidson & Leventhal. He is said to have made the statement since then that he did not see the gunman's face. It is understood that great dependence was to have been placed on his testimony as he was the only person who had a chance to see the face of the man who killed Skelly.

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